

\*\*\*\*\*January 25, 2021\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, January 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss  
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Vicki Anderson  
Councilmember Andrew Gardner  
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the December 28, 2020 and January 11, 2021 regular meetings were presented. Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the minutes.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, thanked Public Works Director, Loretta Hopper, and the public works department for the good job they did during leaf pickup rounds. Ms. Griesinger thanked Water Utility Director, Adam Chrnalogar, for his examination of the storage tank agreements.

There being no further requests, the meeting resumed.

### **State of the Town**

Mayor Poss presented a State of the Town for 2020 (copy attached). Mayor Poss thanked the Town employees, the residents, the Town Manager and Department Heads, Councilmember Landrum and the prior Council members and the citizen led Committees. He said that 2020 was a year unlike any before. He said it presented many unforeseen challenges, but that staff was able to meet all those challenges and to continue to provide a high level of service. Mayor Poss continued by discussing each of the Town departments and their accomplishments.

## **Public Hearing**

### **Wild Ridge Planned Unit Development**

Mayor Poss invited comments from the audience.

Mayor Poss explained that the Planning Commission has renewed their recommendation to allow the Town Manager to authorize changes to the construction schedule as indicated in the resolution to follow.

There being no public comment, the meeting was resumed.

## **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL AMMENDING RESOLUTION 2013-29 TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER AND DESIGNATED STAFF TO ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVE CHANGES TO THE PHASING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR THE WILD RIDGE AT FOX RUN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING AN EXTENSION OF THAT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE NOT TO EXCEED THE YEAR 2040."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. "A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$47,000.00) FOR THE CONTRACT WITH ASA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OLD TOWN SIDEWALK REHABILITATION AND ADA COMPLIANCE PROJECT."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

3. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOYD VEAL AS PROXY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE, CHARLES POSS, ON THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION."

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$3,120.00) FOR THE CONTRACT WITH LAWSON ELECTRIC CO. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LIGHT POLES IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX DUE TO ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND WORK BEING PERFORMED."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

### Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-106 AND 2-107 AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 2-108 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

During discussion, the Council determined that the phrase "and in the case of the Library Board" should be added to 2-107(a) at the end of the first line, behind "planning commission".

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance as amended. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with four Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance as amended, and Councilmember Landrum opposed.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-901(1) OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Mayor Poss seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the first reading of the Ordinance.

### Discussion

- a. Tank Maintenance. Town Attorney, Harry Cash, informed the Council that the Town can terminate the contract for water tank maintenance with Utility Services with a 90-day written notice given prior to the annual year. He explained that the first contract was for 11 years and renews automatically every 3 years thereafter. Mr. Cash suggested we contact Utility Services and ask to re-negotiate the contract.
- b. Website Upgrade – Update on Citizen Input. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, told the Council that, as requested by Council, citizen input was solicited to find out which upgrades residents would like to see on the Town's website. Spec. Proj. & Compliance Mgr., Sam Guin, informed the Council that the top requests received were:
  1. On-line payment option
  2. Fillable forms
  3. Interactive maps (i.e., parks, playgrounds, etc.)

4. List of current capital projects
5. Ability to search for fees

Council discussed several vendor options and asked that they receive links so that they can research possible sites.

#### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal reported that the State is reviewing plans for a slope stabilization and water mitigation project on Hwy 127 up the mountain to the Town. He explained that the State has filed paperwork to allow them to work adjacent to our property because parks have protections. Mr. Veal stated that there is not a reasonable alternative and that any changes to Town property will be minimal. He said that he has sent the documents to Mr. Cash for review.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that while the improvements through the LPRF grant project at Marion and Driver fields is underway, those fields will be unavailable. He explained that there may be some impact to Norris Field but that the Town will make every effort to have minimal impact to the neighbors at that location.

#### **Other Business**

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. Mayor Poss reported that he had joined the Governor's call regarding the COVID vaccination program. He said that the Governor reported that the State is administering 9,600 doses per day (up from 3,300). Mayor Poss said the Governor said there are not currently enough doses and that the State is working on obtaining additional vaccinations.
- b. Reports from Committees or Boards. None
- c. Other. None

#### **Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the February 8, 2021 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder